

Media release

DKSH redefines responsibilities of the Executive Board

DKSH, the leading Market Expansion Services provider with a focus on Asia, today announced – coherent with its long-term planning and as communicated well in advance – the next step of transition among its top management.

Zurich, Switzerland, December 16, 2016 – During its meeting on December 15, 2016, the DKSH Board of Directors, in close cooperation with the designated CEO, Stefan Butz, and the incumbent CEO and future Chairman of the Board of Directors, Dr. Joerg Wolle, redefined responsibilities within the Executive Board. Effective January 1, 2017, Stefan Butz assumes responsibility for the areas of Strategy, Digital Business and Marketing Communication. Following the General Meeting of March 23, 2017, Stefan Butz will assume as CEO the responsibility for the entire operational business.

At the same time Bruno Sidler will step down from his function as Chief Operating Officer (COO). Adrian T. Keller, Chairman of the Board of DKSH stated: „We wish to express our thanks to Mr. Sidler for his efforts on behalf of our company. At a critical time, he provided an important contribution to the successful development of the areas under his responsibility. We wish him success for his future endeavors.“

Effective January 1, 2017, Martina Ludescher, Head Corporate Development, will assume the newly created function of Chief Commercial Officer (CCO). She will take on the additional responsibility for the Business Unit Consumer Goods, Supply Chain, Field Marketing as well as the Center of Excellence for Sales and Marketing.

About DKSH

DKSH is the leading Market Expansion Services provider with a focus on Asia. As the term "Market Expansion Services" suggests, DKSH helps other companies and brands to grow their business in new or existing markets. Publicly listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange since 2012, DKSH is a global company headquartered in Zurich. With 770 business locations in 36 countries – 740 of them in Asia – and 28,300 specialized staff, DKSH generated net sales of CHF 10.1 billion in 2015. DKSH was founded in 1865. With strong Swiss heritage, the company has a long tradition of doing business in and with Asia and is deeply rooted in communities and businesses across Asia Pacific.

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